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- Q. Then the War Minister knew and the Foreign Affairs Minister knew that somebody, as you say, of the lower rank in the army were responsible for planning and executing this incident at Mukden?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Well, now you say the Foreign Minister didn't try to find out who it was or did anything about it? Did the War Minister try to find out who was responsible for it?
- A. I wonder. It was a very abnormal condition in those days in Japan. We call it KOKOYOJO. The lower gets the better of the upper. It was in the hands of the petty officers, officers of the rank of Lieutenant, Captain, at most Commander.
- Q. Well, now, who was in command of the army in Manchuria when the Mukden Incident happened? Who was in command?
- A. General HONJO.
- Q. Did anybody from the Foreign Ministry or from the War Ministry communicate or talk to him?
- A. General HONJO, himself, was more or less a rubber stamp.
- Q. Who was in charge of the army if he was a rubber stamp? Who was telling him what to do?
- A. During the time mentioned, several people. Most famous among them was ITAGAKI and ISHIWARA.
- Q. What position did they hold?
- A. ITAGAKI was regiment commander.

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問、デハ奉天ニ於ケルコノ事件ノ計畫及實行ニハ
貴方ノ言フ如ク陸軍ノ下級將校ノ誰カニ責任
ガアルトイフ事ヲ陸軍大臣モ外務大臣モ知ツ
テ居タノデスカ。

答、然ウデス。

問、デハ、外務大臣ハ誰ガ計畫者デアルカ見出サ
ウトモセズ、ソレニツイテ何處ヲシモウトモ
試ミナカツタト貴方ヘ言フノカ、陸軍大臣ハ
誰ガソノ責任者カラ見出サウト試ミタカ。

答、ドウダカ解リマセン。ソノ頃日本ハ非難ニ當
面シテ過シタ状態ニアリマシタ。私共ハ「下廻
上」ト言ツテキマス。下級ノ人々ガ上級ノ人
ヲ凌グト云ウコトデス。實情ハ中野、大村、
一若上デモ司令官級ノ下級士官ノ當中ニアツ
タノデス。

問、サウカ、デハ奉天事件ノ起ツタ當時滿州軍ノ司
令ニ當ツテキタノハ誰カ。誰ガ司令シテ居ツ

タカ。

答、本庄大將デス。

問、外務省、或ハ陸軍省カラ誰カガ彼ト連絡書ハ
相續シタカ。

答、本庄大將自身ヘドチラカトイヘバ名前ダケノ
人デシタ。

問、若シ彼ガ石ノミトスレバ、誰ガ軍ノ管理ヲシ
テキタカ。彼ニ接觸ヲシテイタノハ誰カ。

答、前述ノ期間中、坂人アリマシタ。彼等ノ中デ
一番有能ナノハ坂垣ト石原デシタ。

問、彼等ヘドシテ地位ニ居タノカ。

答、坂垣ハ副隊長デシタ。